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THE South Florida railroad has resumed its daily freight service this week, with freight carried also by the afternoon train south. Unusually heavy trains have been the rule lately; showing that people are trying to make up for lost time and get in stock for the winter's business. The tide has turned, and is rising fast. Soon everything will be afloat and ready to set sail for the winter's cruise, and all the signs point to fair weather and a prosperous voyage.

THE season has come round again when our local columns are full of notes about people returning or preparing to do so, and soon our town will put on its winter appearance of life and business. The yellow fever is rapidly yielding before the effects of cooler weather, and business is being resumed in many places where it had been almost suspended. In a few weeks Jacksonville itself will probably be open to the world again, and all will go on as if nothing had happened.

OUR quiet town was shocked last Sunday morning by the discovery that Mr. Hugh MacCallum had committed suicide by hanging. He was one of our most valued citizens, universally esteemed and respected; an active member and lay preacher in the Methodist church, and a thorough gentleman in all his relations with his neighbors. His sad end comes with mingled surprise and sorrow to all who knew him. It is believed to have been the result of financial embarrassments caused by the dullness of business during the past two years, which had been preying upon his mind for some time. There are indications that his mind had been turning towards such an act for some time, but with a sincere desire to be faithful to his duty he had struggled with the fatal impulse, regarding suicide as a sinful desertion of his post, and in the religious exercises which he conducted, several times alluding to it to warn his hearers against it. But the pressure finally became too strong for him, and he sought an end of his trouble. He leaves a widow and several children, now absent on a visit to Scotland, and a brother who is here, and who shares the respect and sympathy of the community.

JOTTINGS.

Where, oh, where was William?

W. R. Smith, of "The Anchorage" returns next week.

Postmaster Ergood and wife are daily expected from Washington.

The public school has opened in White's Hall, Miss Lena Mizell, teacher.

J. C. Smith expects to open the new fish and meat market next week.

Geo. Skafte has secured the public school at Plymouth, Fla. and will open there next Monday.

"Next" comes the turn of postmaster Davies, at whose home a bouncing boy arrived last Saturday.

Mrs. S. H. Etter returned home from her visit to Boardman, Wednesday night. Sammie is happy.

B. F. Moses and family have returned to town and are at their home on Lake Osceola near Palmer brook.

H. S. Chubb and J. R. Mizell have been stumping the county in the interests of the republican party for the last ten days.

We learn that Rev. Dr. G. R. Alden has recently become the owner of a twelve acre bearing grove between here and Maitland.

The painting of the Rogers House has been awarded to C. H. Hollis, who is at present putting the finishing touches on Mr. Lyman's new cottage.

At All Saints Church there will be Morning Prayer and sermon at the usual hour, 10:30, next Sunday, Rev. B. F. Brown, of Zellwood, officiating.

J. C. Stovin, of Tetley, near Winter Park, is rapidly recovering from a severe attack of asthma, which has confined him to his room for several weeks.

The Osceola Literary Society enters the field of journalism with the "Dextergraph," an occasional periodical read at their meetings at New Hope chapel.

Rev. Dr. Hooker went North by the midnight train on Tuesday bound for Boston. His annual vacation of four weeks will be partially devoted to work in behalf of Rollins College.

Mr. A. MacCallum desires to tender his sincerest thanks to the many kind friends who have in such practical manner manifested their sympathy and friendship in his days of sorrow and bereavement.

Our first public speaking of the campaign will be held at White's Hall this (Friday) evening under the auspices of the republican county committee. Able speakers will interest the audience with a discussion of the issues of the campaign.

Evening service only will be held by the Methodist Church on Sunday. "The Stones of Memorial" is to be the subject of unusually interesting exercises. R. R. Thayer will preside at this, the last service of the kind for the season, regular morning and evening meetings being resumed on the 28th inst. by the pastor, Rev. T. C. Potter.

At the annual election for town officers held Oct. 11, 1888, the following persons were chosen. Robert White Jr., mayor; S. P. Butler, marshal; E. L. Maxson, clerk; S. S. Capen, tax assessor; J. S. Capen, J. W. Dieffenderfer, and R. R. Thayer, aldermen. The whole number of votes cast was thirty-four. The officers were chosen almost unanimously. The inspectors of election were E. J. Coan, J. G. Diffenderfer, and S. P. Butler. Owing to the illness of Mr. H. Griswold, Mr. Wm. Ingram acted as clerk of election.

Rollins College will open Tuesday, Nov. 13th, 1888, at 8:30 a. m., at Knowles Hall. As half of the usual time of the fall term will be passed, only half of the regular fall term's tuition will be charged. All departments will be fully equipped; the Collegiate, the Preparatory, the Academic and the Grammar school. A class in book-keeping will be formed if a sufficient number of students desire to pursue this practical study of such great importance. This will be in addition to the regular courses of study but without extra tuition. The faculty will be as advertised in the calendar. Pres. Hooker has gone North on a brief business trip for the college. All letters addressed to him at Winter Park will receive prompt attention. Send to his address for calendars.

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Let Us Import the Brosimum.

Several natural orders of the vegetable kingdom include plants that are characterized by the secretion of a fluid closely resembling milk in appearance and consistency, and a familiar example of these is to be seen in our common milkweed (*Asclepias cornuti*), which is well known to everybody. In some plants this milky fluid is of the most venomous nature; in others it possesses active medicinal virtues; in others it yields a product (such as india-rubber and gutta-percha) of the highest importance to the arts and industries; and in others still it proves of value as a human aliment. Since the same general properties characterize the plants of each natural family it seems an anomaly that, in the same order, we should find the species of one genus producing a lactescent fluid of a highly poisonous nature and those of another yielding one that is entirely innocuous. Yet such is often the case, and we have a striking example of it in the bread-fruit order, the *Artocarpaceæ*, which, on the one hand, includes the celebrated upas tree of Java, which, when pierced, exudes a milky juice containing an acrid virulent poison (antiarin), the smallest quantity of which will kill the largest animal, and, on the other hand, the famous *Brosimum utili* of South America, which yields a copious supply of rich, wholesome milk, of as good a quality as that from the cow. There are several other instances in the vegetable kingdom of such an association, in the same natural order, of plants that produce a noxious lactescent juice with others which yield a wholesome one adapted for man's use, and which may therefore be designated as "vegetable cows." To speak only of the latter class, the most remarkable example is the species of *Brosimum* just mentioned, which was discovered and made known by the celebrated traveller Humboldt. This tree forms extensive forests on the mountains near the town of Coriaco and elsewhere along the sea coast of Venezuela, growing to upward of one hundred feet in height, with a trunk six or eight feet in diameter, and branchless for the first sixty or seventy feet of its height. It is popularly known as the cow-tree, *palo de vaca* or *arbol de leche*. Its milk, which is obtained by making incisions in the trunk, so closely resembles the milk of the cow, both in appearance and quality, that it is commonly used as an article of food by the inhabitants of the places where the tree is abundant. Unlike many other vegetable milks, it is perfectly wholesome and very nourishing.—*Scientific American.*

The Whiskey Party.

The Mills bill is a free whiskey measure. As it passed the House the bill contained this provision:

Section 40. That all clauses of section 3244 of the Revised Statutes, and all laws amendatory thereto, and all other laws which impose any special taxes upon manufacturers of stills, retail dealers in liquors, and retail dealers in malt liquors, are hereby repealed.

This provision would, if enacted, do away with the licenses now imposed on the keepers of all the saloons and groggeries in the country. The grog-shop traffic in liquor, the most abominable business ever established in this country aside from slave-selling, would be made entirely free so far as the Government is concerned.—*Albany (N. Y.) Journal.*

The evolution of the tomato is going on in a remarkable way. Not many years ago the fruit was mostly skin and seeds, but the newest varieties are almost solid pulp with very few seeds. Possibly, as in the case of the banana, the seeds may yet disappear altogether and the plants will have to be propagated by cuttings.

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The Tiger.

This is an age of speculation. Thousands crowd around the stock-ticker every day; thousands more watch the grain gambling; all the pool-rooms are filled with men and youths whose faces show how often the right horses do not win. All the lotteries, all the policy-shops, all the gambling dens have their victims, and the supply is undiminishingly large. The poor sheep are sheared, and are sent, poverty-stricken, to do the best they can; but other sheep come tumbling into the pitfalls, and the gamblers roll up their bank accounts and drive their fast horses, and wonder why anybody complains of hard times. The mania of speculation is ruinous to correct business methods. It unsettles a man, makes him inconstant and vacillating, injures his usefulness as a straightforward worker and destroys his steady principles and honest purposes. Young men who are starting out in life should avoid it as they would a curse.—*Baltimore American.*

Here is a description of what they do with their prisoners in the canton of Neufchatel, Switzerland. A good handicraft is taught to every prisoner, and all who are well behaved are, after a period, placed with a master of the trade which they have severally learned, under the oversight of the police and of a member of a voluntary committee. This committee is composed of 1400 active members, out of a total population of 102,000. The prisoner, when provisionally liberated, has to present himself every week to his patrons, who receive the reports of his master and of the police. The patron sends an abstract of these reports to the governor of the prison, and in this way, if his conduct remains good, the man's liberty is gradually restored, and he regains his position in society—with the additional advantages of experience of discipline and knowledge of a trade. M. de Laveleye, in describing this system, says that a Swiss canton is in some things a century in advance of the rest of the world.

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